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Agency

Possibilities of developing the Agency tracts.

882 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have deputed one Mr. D. G. Munro to report on the possibilities of developing the Agency tracts;

(b) whether he has made any report; and

(c) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place it on the table of the House?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The report is under the consideration of the Government. The suggestion of the hon. Member will be borne in mind.

Mitigation of malaria in Agency tracts.

*883 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether Mr. D. G. Munro has suggested that an experiment should be tried for the mitigation of malaria in the Agency tracts by growing wild scented clover (Tribola-de-ola); and

(b) whether it is a fact that the growth of the said plant has made Egypt and Argentine immune from malaria?

A.—(a) Mr. Munro has drawn the attention of the Government to the benefits which might accrue from the trial of various leguminous plants from the point of view of their effect on malarial mosquitoes.

(b) Mr. Munro quotes certain authorities in support of this theory.

Assignment of Lands

Transfer of certain pasture porambokes to 'Ayan' in Paravathoor village.

*884-A Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have perused the mahazar sent by the ryots of Paravathoor village, Arkonam taluk, North Arcot district, to the Board of Revenue objecting to the transferring of certain pasture porambokes to 'Ayan';

(b) whether it is a fact that in the recent resettlement these lands were set apart for grazing;

(c) whether it is a fact that 85 out of 127 acres set apart for grazing were transferred to 'Ayan' and reserved for Adi-Dravidas and depressed classes by the District Collector, North Arcot; and

(d) whether it is a fact that besides this there is no pasture land for the cattle of the village?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) *to* (*d*) At resettlement an extent of 127·04 acres was described as grazing poramboke. Of this area 78·94 acres have since been transferred to ayan and 4·93 acres to house-site poramboke for assignment to Adi-Dravidas. In addition to the 43·17 acres still remaining registered as grazing ground poramboke, an extent of 233·41 acres of tank-bed land in the Paranji Eri is available for grazing.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Is it not a fact that at the resettlement land has been set apart which is available for assignment to the Adi-Dravidas without encroaching upon grazing poramboke ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Not in that village."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I know whether in any other village at least in North Arcot district such land is made available and, if so, why ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I am not aware that in any village where such land is available any transfer from grazing ground to ayan was made."

Transfer of grazing lands to 'Ayan' in North Arcot district.

* 884-B *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that lands reserved for grazing in most villages in North Arcot district have been transferred to 'Ayan' and assigned on *pattas* during the last two years ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the present Collector of North Arcot district has been following this policy systematically ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that, when the ryots objected to this policy of assignment, the District Collector advised the ryots to graze their cattle in their *patta* lands ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that survey Nos. 37 and 377 in Raghunadasamudram village, Wandiwash taluk, North Arcot district, originally set apart for grazing were recently ordered by the present Collector to be transferred to *ayan* ; and

(*e*) whether Government will be pleased to call for a report on such transfers, if any, of grazing lands to *ayan* during the two years ending 30th September 1928 ?

A.—(*a*) The only information available with the Government relates to Paravattur village, Arkonam taluk This information is given in the answer to question No. 884-A, 1161.

(*b*) The Government presume that the Collector of North Arcot is following the policy outlined in G.O. No. 3034, Revenue, dated 24th August 1918, which was laid on the Council table on 26th August 1927.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government have not the information asked for.